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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 4392

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SUBJ: REPORT ON FIRST MEETING OF EXPERT GROUP STUDYING "REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS"

REF: STATE 124416

1. THE UN EXPERT GROUP ON "REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS"

MET IN GENEVA FROM MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 3. IT COMPRISED

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GOVERNMENT BUDGETARY EXPERTS FROM THE US, THE UK, JAPAN, SWEDEN, AND PERU, ITS CHAIRMAN. THE FOUR DAYS' MEETINGS WERE ALSO ATTENDED BY OBSERVERS FROM MEXICO AND NIGERIA AS WELL AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL BJORNERSTEDT AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FRG TO THE CCD, AMBASSADOR SCHLAICH. THE ENABLING RESOLUTION 31/87 CALLS FOR AN ANALYSIS OF MEMBER STATES' COMMENTS ON THE

1976 STUDY WHICH PROPOSED A STANDARDIZED FORM FOR REPORTING MILITARY EXPENDITURES. THE EXPERT GROUP HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REFINEMENT, TESTING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT.

2. THE UNITED STATES' NOMINEE TO THE EXPERT GROUP, DR. JOHN KOEHLER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, FOCUSED THESE MEETINGS ON THE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION BY COUNTRIES THAT WOULD FACE THE MOST DIFFICULT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE SOLVED BEFORE FULL-SCALE IMPLEMENTATION IS EVEN FEASIBLE. SINCE NIGERIA AND RUMANIA HAD BOTH VOTED FOR UNGA RESOLUTION 31/87, AND MEXICO AND INTROFUCED IT, THE US INDICATED THE DESIRABILITY OF ELICITING FROM THEM AT LEAST WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO IF NOT ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE EXPERT GROUP. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE FRG, THE UK, NIGERIA, AND MEXICO PRIVATELY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD TRY TO ELICIT GREATER COOPERATION FROM MEMBER STATES IN GENERAL OR FROM THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ONES IN PARTICULAR. THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM FOR REPORTING MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN CONSISTENT AND COMPARABLE TERMS SHOULD BE A RELATIVELY IMPORTANT ITEM FOR THE UN'S SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978.  
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